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**A BRAVE COXSWAIN.**  
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## LAST WEEK'S LAW AND POLICE.

### Queen's Bench Division.

(Before Baron Pollock and a Special Jury.)

**THE INTERPLEADER CASE.**—The plaintiff in the Hon. Reginald Fitzwilliam, son of Earl Fitzwilliam, and the defendant is a jeweller in Bond-street. In opening the case Mr. Murphy, Q.C., stated that the action was in respect of certain jewels seized by the Sheriff. Judgment was obtained in this case by the defendant against Mrs. Fitzwilliam for goods supplied before her marriage, for which the husband would not be liable. The judgment was obtained in February. The defendant then seized the jewels in question in a box belonging to the lady. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Fitzwilliam, who was before her marriage a Miss Edith Fox, had incurred considerable debts, amounting to something like £2,000 or £3,000. By an arrangement the husband (the plaintiff) was going to pay off a large amount of these debts, which he subsequently did after his marriage. Prior to the wedding she had sold her jewels, and the plaintiff re-bought them, and a marriage settlement was drawn up by which he undertook to pay her debts. The defence set up was that the marriage settlement was not a real one, as the marriage was not a consideration. The jury found that the settlement was a genuine one, and not a sham. Judgment for plaintiff accordingly.

(Before Justices Wills and Wright.)

**PARISH COUNCILLORS AND THE LAW.**—An application was heard from Mr. E. E. Smith, a candidate for the parish of Ladbroke, for relief from certain provisions of the Corrupt Practices Act which had been inadvertently contravened. Mr. Gully, Q.C., for the applicant, read the affidavits, which showed Mr. Law had used a public-house in Ladbroke for meetings. On the other hand, the evidence of the defendant, Mr. Gully, Q.C., was held after the fact had been brought to Mr. Law's notice that his action was illegal. It was further suggested by them that the public-house had been used for the purpose of illegal trading. Mr. Gully contended that the use made of the public-house was not a consideration under the Act, and that the defendant was not liable. The court decided in favour of the defendant.

(Before his Honour Judge Lumley-Smith.)

**COMPANY SECRETARY AND HIS SALARY.**

**FRISK V. THE ANGLICAN CALIFORNIA LAND IMPROVEMENT.**—This was a claim for £25, for two months' salary as secretary of the company. Mr. L. Glynne, for the plaintiff, said his client was appointed by resolution in August as secretary to the company at £200 per annum, and left in October after having given proper notice. On behalf of the defendants it had been asserted that his client had purloined some photographs, and that he was liable for damages for irregular attendance and for neglecting the company's business. Plaintiff gave evidence in support of his claim, and said there was no business while he was there, and that brokers were put in, and the photos were taken away for safety and returned to him. He then asked the jury to award him his salary. The jury found in favour of the plaintiff, and awarded him £25. The defence had failed, and plaintiff would have the costs.

**County of London Sessions.**

(Before Sir P. M. H. Q.C., Chairman, and Full Bench.)

**THE COURT SAT FOR THE HEARING OF APPEALS,**

one of which occupied the entire day.

**A BREWERY CASE.**—Alfred Bentley and Messrs. A. F. Style and Co., brewers, Maidstone, were appellants against a refusal of the Justices of the Tower Division to grant a license to Bentley to sell beer at the Parncliffe beerhouse, 2, Haggarston-road, N.E. Mr. Bentley, Q.C., and Mr. Turner, appeared for the appellants; and Mr. Willis, Q.C., and Mr. Corrie Grant for the respondents. It was admitted for the appellants that the license had been withheld on account of the misconduct of the previous licensee named Large, but of this, it was contended, the brewers (Messrs. Style) had no cognisance at the time, and the acts of Large were beyond their control. The license had been in existence since 1869, and there had been no complaint of any kind up to the time that the brewers of the license law committed by Large came to light. It was urged, therefore, that no person existed who a license should not be renewed to a proper person—the appellants, Bentley—so that the owners, the brewers, should not be prejudiced for what they could not possibly prevent, and which they had not about remedying as soon as it came under their notice. The complaints against Large were that he had failed to reside on the premises, and had handed over the license to Elizabeth Shimmis, with whom he had lived, and subsequently married, and who also did not live on the premises. On the non-renewal of the license and the failure of an appeal by Large the bench had been closed.

Mr. Willis, Q.C., now contended that the license was not in existence when the application for its transfer was made. In the result the appeal was dismissed with costs.

**Old Bailey.**

**A MERCHANT SENTENCED.**—Alfred Ashby

Newman, 44, merchant, who was convicted at the December session, of obtaining certain ecclesiastical robes and vestments by fraud, was brought up for sentence. The robes in question came from Mexico and were of considerable value. The prisoner obtained them from the prosecutor, who trades in the City, under the pretence that he could find him a customer, who desired to inspect them on his own premises, but he appeared to have disposed of them through another channel and applied the proceeds to his own use. Sentence was postponed to enable the accused to make compensation to the prosecutor, and it was stated that he had done so, to the best of his means. The Austin, of the City police, said that he had known the prisoner for some time as an associate of long firm swindlers. In July, 1892, the police received a complaint with respect to a bill which came from Buenos Ayres, but the prisoner said it was a forgery. On behalf of the accused it was pointed out that he was a very well connected man, who had had a long business in Buenos Ayres, and that he had no knowledge as to the real character of his associates. Ten months' hard labour, to date from the December sessions.

**Westminster.**

**OLD SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE.**—Richard

Hornbaker, 65, was brought up, on remand, to answer the charge of breaking and entering into his lodgings in Douglas-place, Westminster. The woman, who gave evidence the previous week, and then appeared to be badly injured, sent a message stating that she did not want to prosecute, as she was in fault when she was assaulted. Prisoner said he had served his Queen and country with distinction.

and had medals for bravery in the

Indian mutiny and other campaigns. Mr.

Sheil: You might have killed this woman

Prisoner of war. I was in fault, but

I have never been during all my life in the

hands of the police before, and you are the

first magistrate I have ever been before. Mr.

Sheil: Well, I will let you go this time, but

she is a warning to you. Prisoner (with a

military salute) Good-bye you, sir.

**LADY AND THE HOUSEMAID.**—A young

woman, who was among the applicants to

Mr. Sheil, said that she had been in service

at Albert-gate as housemaid, and acted

temporarily as cook. She had been in the

situation a fortnight, and the lady had

turned her away, detaining her boxes and

declining to pay her. Mr. Sheil: Why?

Applicant did not know, except that the

mistress was vexed at the rim of an old

entree dish coming off in consequence of

being placed in a red hot oven. It was quite

a mistake, caused by the lady worrying her

so. (Laughter.) The witness then found the

question of wages. Mr. Sheil: How much?

Applicant said she had done over £7

worth of damage in a fortnight, including

the melting off of the rim of an old Sheffield

plated dish and the breaking of old china.

Beside this, she had got another servant to

send a telegram to the house to say her

(applicant's) mother was seriously ill, in

order to get a night off. Mr. Sheil: I dare

say, I can well believe it. As the things

given up there is an end of the matter

here.

**Marlborough-street.**

**AN OLD TRICK.**—James Brown, 37, of

Sylvia-street, New North-road, Islington,

was charged with attempting to steal 10s.

from Mrs. Emily Young, wife of a brewer,

prior to a restaurant at 5, Oxford-street.

By means of a trick known as "ringing the

changes," Mrs. Young said that Brown

entered the restaurant about five o'clock on

Friday afternoon, and asked for a bun, ten-

dering half a sovereign in payment for it.

On her handing him 9s. 10d. change he ex-

claimed, "I don't know why I have it. Will

you give it me back?" She complied with

his request, but from previous experience

suspected what his procedure would be.

Brown then said, "I will give you your 10s.

back," and counted out 10s. and put the 10s.

with the half-sovereign. As he handed it to

her, she said, "Can you give me a sovereign?"

She took up the money and asked him to

wait while she fetched the sovereign. She

then sent a customer for a policeman and

locked the door. When the policeman came

in Brown called his attention to another

sum of 10s. which he must have put down in

the meantime. Remanded.

**North London.**

**TERROR OF HOLLOWAY.**—Charles Allen,

23, a tall, well-built young fellow, employed

at a bus yard in Holloway, was charged, on

remand, with wilfully breaking two panes of

glass, value 4s., at his father's house in

Hargrave-road, Holloway. The offence was

committed on Dec. 22, since which time the

prisoner has been in custody. He is well-

known at the court, where he has been

charged several times with assaults on

various people, and with threatening to

murder members of his own family. He has

also been charged with assaulting one of his

asters. He is described by the police as a

"terror to Holloway." The father did not

appear against the prisoner on the present

occasion. Mr. Fenwick having cautioned

him, bound him over in £5 to keep the peace

for six months.

**West London.**

**SHARP CAPTURE OF A BURGLAR.**—John

Mann, describing himself as a labourer, living

in James-street, Oxford-street, was charged

with breaking into the house of Mr. Ken-

rick, at Elham-road, Kensington, and steal-

ing a clock and a number of other articles.

The house was left unoccupied, and on Friday

night P.C. Macdonald found marks of a

jenny on the front door and a number of

inside. The house was surrounded and the

constable waited until the front door was

opened. The prisoner was coming out with

a large bundle containing the clock, a counter-

pane, and articles of wearing apparel, when

he was stopped by the constable, who asked

him what he had been doing in the house.

He replied, "I am a right government man, I

will go with you." It was stated that the occupiers

of the house had been communicated with,

but had not attended. Remanded.

**South-Western.**

**WIFE'S BRIDE-CAKE.**—Among the list of

summonses down for hearing was one against

Mr. G. Knight, of High-street, Putney, for

stealing a tin containing bride-cake, a

silk petticoat, and other articles of wearing

apparel, belonging to his wife, Amelia Ann

Knight, residing in Honeywell-road. The

wife was also summoned for detaining a

diamond ring, antique sugar basin, and other

things, claimed by her husband. An applica-

tion was made for the adjournment of the

summonses, to enable the parties to come to

some amicable arrangement. Mr. Hopkins

accepted the request, and the summonses

were accordingly adjourned.

**Worship-street.**

**DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.**—Walter Last, 39,

described as an engineer, and giving his

address at a lodging-house in South-west

Baker-street, was charged with stealing a

handbag containing a purse and £25.15s. from

Mrs. Elizabeth Kingston, living at Maryland-

road, Stratford. The prosecutrix deposed

that at noon on Friday she was in City-road

carrying her handbag, which was also her

muff, and contained her handkerchief, purse,

keys, &c., when suddenly it was snatched

from her hand and the thief bolted down

a side street. Late in the afternoon she

was called to the police station, and half

a dozen young men put before her in a

body. At once she identified the prisoner

from among them as the thief and was

positive of his identity. She was then

summoned to the police station, and on

Friday afternoon she was brought up for

trial. The prisoner was committed to

custody. Remanded.

**Southwark.**

**LOITERERS.**—Arthur Anderson, 22, of

Blondell-street, Battersea, and Robert

Skinner, 16, of Palmerston-street, labourers,

were charged with loitering and having

implements in their possession. Det-servant

Keane said on Friday evening he saw the

prisoners at the Chase, Clapham Common.

They stopped and examined the house. One

of the men entered the garden of a house,

and, remaining a few moments, left and

joined his companion. Witness stopped them

and inquired why they were loitering at that

hour. They replied, "I only came to fetch a

box," while Anderson said he was only walk-

ing about. Anderson was searched, and in

his trousers pocket was found a chisel used

for housebreaking purposes, and several

knives wrapped in a piece of cloth. Each

prisoner had a box of matches. Three months' hard

labour each.

**Lambeth.**

**MANIA FOR WINDOW SMASHING.**—Patrick

Hanniffy, 31, a labourer, of no fixed home,

was charged with wilfully breaking a plate

glass window, value £20, the property of

Arthur Amies and others, of High-street,

Peckham. W. A. Francis, manager to the

peckham, who are boot salesmen,

stated on Friday night he was out

alone the shop when he heard a crash of

glass. Upon turning round he saw the

prisoner striking at one of the plate-glass

windows with the buckle end of a belt. The

window, which was valued at £20, was

broken. He asked, "Why did you do that?"

He replied, "Because I wanted to." P.S. Brewer said the man, when

given into his custody, simply said, "All

right, guv'nor, I'll go with you." On

the way to the station he exclaimed,

"Everybody gets me out of work."

He said, "I am a right government man, I

will go with you." There were two

convictions against the accused for window

smashing. The prisoner, who declined to say

anything in defence, was committed for trial.

**CHILDREN CHARGED WITH THEFT.**—Eileen

Gleeson, 12, and Florence Welch, 12, school

girls, were charged with being concerned

together in stealing 1s. 8d. from Anne

Good, a girl of 15, of the same address, the

same as the other prisoners, said she

was going on an errand, when the accused

stopped her. Gleeson took the money and

handed it to the other girl, who ran off with

it. P.C. Counter said he made some inquiries,

and arrested Gleeson, who said the other

girl's name was Welch, and added, "She took

the money and gave me a penny." When

asked for the money, Welch exclaimed, "Nelly

Gleeson took the money from the little girl

and gave it to me. Then we shared it out

and had half each." Remanded.

**CAUTION TO COAL DEALERS.**—Henry Tyler,

a coal dealer, of Denmark-street, Camberwell,

appeared to answer two summonses taken out

under the Weights and Measures Act by the

London County Council. Mr. J. W. Godfrey

taken into custody. He was charged with

weight in coal, and the other for not having

tickets on the bags as required by the coun-







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